

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### GOLDEN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Golden Schools Foundation for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for-profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards demonstrated by the treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

The Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) was founded in 2010 as an independent non-profit and 100 percent volunteer-run organization. GSF strongly believes in supporting students as a whole which in turn supports the community as a whole.

GSF is dedicated to raising and distributing funds in a responsible and ethical manner to foster excellence in education. Among their many accomplishments, programs include the Teaching Excellence program, which supports professional development for teachers and the Student Academic Summer Boot Camp. It also includes supplemental education programs to provide academic exposure to Golden students and encourage a successful academic experience from start to finish.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Golden Schools Foundation for receiving this well-deserved honor by the Golden Rotary. Thank you for your continued commitment to the students and teachers of our community.

### FREDERICK DOUGLASS TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as an original co-sponsor, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2200, the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017.

I thank my colleagues, Congressman CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH and Congresswoman KAREN BASS, the Chair and Ranking Member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, for their work in shepherding this bipartisan legislation to the floor.

H.R. 2200 authorizes \$130 million to support a cause that has special significance for me—that is, the eradication of trafficking in persons—both domestic and abroad.

Throughout my tenure in Congress and as a founder and cochair of the Congressional

Children's Caucus, I have consistently advocated on behalf of victims of human trafficking, especially children, who are the most vulnerable victims.

I am pleased that the title of this legislation honors the life and legacy of the great orator and abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, who vigorously opposed slavery not as a mere outside observer of the peculiar institution but as a survivor himself of what we could now call "trafficking in persons."

In fact, with regard to his own condition, Frederick Douglass famously said he would "prefer death to hopeless bondage."

In the 21st century, no one should be put in such a position where death becomes preferable in the face of being held captive against his or her own will.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I fully support this legislation's "whole-of-government" approach to eliminating this horrific crime wherever and whenever it is committed.

H.R. 2200 strengthens the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 by adding the following measures to reduce human trafficking including but not limited to:

1. Ensuring that vulnerable children and at-risk populations receive training on how to avoid traffickers;
2. Encouraging USAID to incorporate anti-trafficking measures during disaster relief efforts;
3. Pursuing the prosecution of individuals who use services provided by human trafficking victims as a deterrent for not only human traffickers but patrons as well;
4. Supporting the enforcement of the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the importation of goods made by forced labor; and
5. Ensuring that foreign governments that use child soldiers are not the recipients of U.S. military assistance.

This legislation operates in the same spirit of H.R. 53, the CATCH Traffickers Act of 2017, which I reintroduced earlier this year that directs the Department of Homeland Security to create a national database to assist in human trafficking investigations.

In 2014, I also held a Homeland Security Committee field hearing focusing on human trafficking in my congressional district because Houston, Texas is one of the nation's largest hubs for human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, both H.R. 2200 and H.R. 53 call on the federal government to formulate and utilize tools at its disposal to eradicate human trafficking.

Modern-day slavery which includes sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, forced labor, debt bondage, domestic servitude, forced child labor, and the recruitment and use of child soldiers is a violation of the principle of liberty that we hold dear in this country.

To effectively oppose human trafficking and eliminate modern-day slavery in all of its forms, the U.S. government must aggressively pursue, prosecute, and convict both traffickers and patrons of human trafficking victims.

Moreover, we must do everything in our power to educate and protect particularly vul-

nerable members of our human family from becoming victims of the barbaric practice of human trafficking.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2200, the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017.

### HONORING COMMANDER REGINALD COOPER

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Commander Reginald Cooper.

Commander Cooper is a native of Tchula and a 1997 graduate of Jackson State University. Commander Cooper began his career at the Jackson Police Department where he worked as a patrol officer, served with the Violent Crimes Task Force and as a Detective in the Robbery/Homicide Division. Commander Cooper later served as a Domestic Violence Detective with the Yazoo City Police Department where he was recognized by the Center for Violence Prevention as "Hero of the Year" in 2010. Commander Cooper began working as a Sergeant for the Byram Police Department in 2011 and later promoted to Sergeant of the Detective Bureau. Commander Cooper was promoted to Commander of Administrative Support in 2016. The Administrative Support Bureau includes the Criminal Investigations Division, Communications, Records and Accreditation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Commander Reginald Cooper for his dedication to serving others.

### IN RECOGNITION OF LEON WRIGHT FOR BEING NAMED 2017 TOWNSHIP CLERK OF THE YEAR

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leon Wright, Clerk of Van Buren Charter Township, for being named 2017 Township Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Mr. Wright has distinguished himself through his outstanding public service to the residents of Van Buren Township.

Mr. Wright has served as township clerk since 2008 and has provided effective service to the area's residents. As a municipal clerk, he handles the administration of elections and voter registration, manages records for the township, and is responsible for the office's human resources, payroll and handling of Freedom of Information Act requests. Additionally, Mr. Wright is active in promoting civic engagement and education in the Van Buren

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